

Saffold House
442 S. McDonough St.
Montgomery, Alabama

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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SAFFOLD HOUSE
Montgomery, Montgomery County, Alabama.

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Ownership:

Present Owner: Mrs. W. A. Saffold.
From 1907 to present time.

Previous Owners: Elmore Fitzpatrick. From 1859 to _____
Walter L. Bragg.

Date of Erection: 1859.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: Elmore Fitzpatrick.

Present Condition: The structure is being remodeled
into a modern apartment house.

Number of Stories: Two and a basement.

Materials of construction: Brick; has metal roof
with standing seams; the interior walls are of
plaster; the floors are of 6" pine planks.

Other Existing Records:

Additional Data: " The Saffold house is unusual in its plan as the original kitchen instead of being an out building was in the basement. There were also three other rooms in the basement completely furnished which were possibly used as bed rooms or dining rooms. This basement which is entirely above ground on the side street gives a very vertical feeling to the house as the plan of the other two floors is only one room deep and they are all connected by outside porches. The porches across the rear and side connecting the bed rooms were screened with a delicate lattice pattern resembling in a way the Moorish pierced screen or the Moorish balcony. The windows of the parlors are open to the floor connecting the rooms directly with the porches. The brick facing on the front and street side were special brick imported from England. Each brick arrived separately wrapped and packed. The masonry lintels and sills were the only part of decoration other than the cornice. From a design standpoint the house is more interesting from the plan and proportion. The elevations are rather vertical, in feeling and rather plain". (Lutz)

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